FISCAL NOTE

SB 283 - HB 584

February 21, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Moves gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) from a Schedule IV controlled substance to a Schedule I controlled substance which will elevate the offense of manufacture, sale, or delivery or possession with intent from a Class D felony to a Class B felony. Makes FDA-approved GHB a Schedule III substance and penalizes the illicit use of FDA-approved GHB as a Schedule I controlled substance which is punished as a Class B felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$89,400/Incarceration*

Assumes three Class D felony convictions elevated to Class B felony convictions each year.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director